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FOR FURTHER ACTION

See paragraph 2 below

Applicant's or agent's file reference

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Applicant

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
 - a sequence listing
 - table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
 - in written format
 - in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing
 - contained in international application as filed.
 - filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-5</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>2-5</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-5</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1-5 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest converting an input document, which has components as a hierarchical tree structure in multiple formats, to the desired format using a document composer and verifying the document.

Claim 1 lacks an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Nehab et al (hereinafter Nehab), USPN 6,029,182, in view of Meltzer et al. (hereinafter Meltzer), USPN 6,125,391.

Regarding claim 1, Nehab discloses specifying components of a heterogeneous compound document as a hierarchical tree structure in multiple formats and specifying the input sources of information for each of the components as part of a model [Nehab, col. 12, lines 40-63] and verifying and composing the heterogeneous compound document using a modeling language parser and a document composer by dynamically obtaining input information from the sources specified in the model [Nehab, col. 13, line 1 - col. 14, line 67]. Nehab does not disclose converting the input document to a desired format using a document composer. However, Meltzer does disclose converting an input document to a desired format using a document composer [Meltzer, col. 26, lines 19-67]. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to incorporate a converter, taught by Meltzer, into the system of Nehab, so that different users could have different views of the same document.

Claims 2-5 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(3), because the combination of prior art does not teach or fairly suggest more specific detail of the hierarchical tree structure in multiple formats.

Claims 1-5 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus Internet industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.